P.A.R.T. Texas and P.A.R.T. USA Pre-Prepared Resolutions for Each Major Party

These resolutions are pre-written with “Texas” and “Texans” and will have to be edited for your particular state, The Planks are not resolutions, these are made available if you have the opportunity to formulate platform plank language, for example if you make a motion to amend the platform from the floor, or serve on a resolutions or platform committee.

Resolution Supporting Medical Freedom for Chronic Pain Patients and Their Physicians

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has long championed limited government, individual liberty, personal responsibility, and respect for the doctor-patient relationship; and

WHEREAS, medical freedom is a fundamental component of personal liberty, ensuring that Texans can make healthcare decisions in consultation with their physicians without unnecessary government interference; and

WHEREAS, Texans suffering from chronic or intractable pain deserve access to compassionate, individualized medical care that preserves their dignity, independence, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, federal prescribing guidelines intended as advisory recommendations have often been treated as binding rules by regulators, insurers, and pharmacies, undermining medical judgment and restricting legitimate patient care; and

WHEREAS, excessive regulation discourages physicians from treating chronic pain patients, leaving many Texans without effective treatment despite responsible compliance with medical advice;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas affirms its strong support for medical freedom, limited government, and personal responsibility in healthcare decision-making; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support policies ensuring federal guidelines remain advisory rather than de facto law within Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support legislative protections for chronic pain patients seeking lawful treatment and for healthcare providers acting in good faith according to sound medical judgment; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Republican Party calls upon Texas lawmakers to safeguard medical freedom and protect the doctor-patient relationship from unnecessary regulatory intrusion while promoting responsible, ethical medical care consistent with the principles of liberty and accountability.

Suggested GOP Platform Plank:

Medical Freedom and Chronic Pain Care: We affirm that medical freedom is essential to individual liberty. Texans suffering from chronic or intractable pain should have access to compassionate, individualized treatment without unnecessary government interference. Federal prescribing guidelines must remain advisory, not binding. We support protecting the doctor-patient relationship, defending physicians acting in good faith, and ensuring that healthcare decisions remain grounded in personal responsibility, sound medical judgment, and limited government.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMPASSIONATE, EVIDENCE-BASED CHRONIC PAIN TREATMENT AND THE RIGHTS OF TEXANS LIVING WITH CHRONIC PAIN

WHEREAS, millions of Americans, including hundreds of thousands of Texans, live with chronic pain, a serious medical condition that profoundly affects quality of life, economic security, mental health, family stability, and the ability to participate fully in society; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain patients constitute a medically vulnerable and frequently marginalized population whose suffering has too often been overlooked, dismissed, or mischaracterized within the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, many chronic pain patients in Texas have experienced discrimination, stigma, and unequal access to care, with disproportionate harm falling upon low-income communities, women, racial minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, federal opioid guidelines—originally intended as voluntary—have frequently been misapplied, over-enforced, or weaponized in ways that restrict access to legitimate medical treatment, despite the CDC's 2022 admission that the guidelines were widely misused and caused substantial patient harm; and

WHEREAS, the criminalization of physicians who treat chronic pain has created a climate of fear, resulting in involuntary rapid tapers, forced abandonment of patients, and widespread under-treatment of pain, contrary to established medical ethics and evidence-based practice; and

WHEREAS, people living with chronic pain have the right to compassionate, individualized, science-based medical care, free from stigma, coercion, and bureaucratic interference in the doctor–patient relationship; and

WHEREAS, access to adequate pain treatment is a matter of human dignity, disability rights, health equity, and basic justice, and no Texan should be forced to live in needless and preventable suffering; and

WHEREAS, ensuring humane pain management substantially reduces downstream healthcare costs, preserves employment, protects mental health, and strengthens families and communities across the state;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Texas Democratic Party affirms that access to effective, evidence-based pain management is a fundamental

component of healthcare and a core element of human dignity and civil rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas Democratic Party supports efforts to ensure that state healthcare policy is guided by current medical science, clinical best practices, and input from physicians, researchers, and the chronic pain community, rather than by fear-based or punitive approaches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas Democratic Party urges the Texas Legislature to enact reforms that protect chronic pain patients from discrimination, guarantee access to individualized treatment, prevent forced tapers and involuntary patient abandonment, and shield ethical physicians from unjust prosecution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas Democratic Party supports policies that ensure equitable pain care for underserved communities, including rural Texans, racial and ethnic minorities, women, veterans, low-income families, and disabled individuals; and

Suggested Democratic Party Platform Plank

Platform Plank: Chronic Pain Care

The Texas Democratic Party supports compassionate, evidence-based treatment for chronic pain and opposes policies that deny patients needed care, force involuntary tapers, or criminalize ethical physicians. We affirm that access to appropriate pain management is a matter of human dignity, disability rights, and health equity, and we call for state policy guided by medical science—not fear or stigma—to ensure no Texan is left to suffer needlessly.